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- Beginning 21 September 1953, most of the planned reorganization of the KVP was completed. All previous numbers of TVs and KVPDs were abolished. The Billeting Sections (Quartiernutzungsabteilungen) were to maintain contact with other KVP offices only via the TVs. The previous four TVs were dissolved, leaving only two TVs and the "Bereich Berlin".
- The following is a tabulation of organization and assignments of the KVP:

T.V. 12 Nord in Pasewalk:

Commanding officer Major General Hermann Rentzsch

Headquarters of the T.V.

Pasewalk
Stallberg
Fuenfeichen
Jaegerbrueck

Bereitschaft Prenzlau:

Prenzlau
Droegheide
Pinnow

Bereitschaft Eggesin:

Eggesin
Altwarp
Karpin
Spechtberg

Bereitschaft Schwerin:

Schwerin
Sternbuchholz
Prora
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T.V. 24 Sued in Leipzig:

Commanding officer Colonel Wallbaum

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Headquarters of the T.V.

Bereitschaft Halle:

Leipzig

Halle I
 Leipzig II
 Weissenfels
 Zeithain
 Torgau
 Halle III (Paracelsus
 Strasse)

Bereitschaft Dresden:

Dresden II
 Frankenberg
 Marienberg
 Loebau
 Spremberg
 Zittau
 Dobrilugk III
 Baerenstein

Bereitschaft Erfurt:

Erfurt-Henne I
 Muehlhausen I and II
 Gotha and Gara I
 and II

Bereich Berlin:

Commanding officer Colonel Goehringer who substitutes for Vincenz
 Mueller, now on leave, and is responsible for combat readiness in Berlin.

Bereitschaften:

Potsdam, Jaegerallee (?)
 Potsdam, Bechler Strasse
 Potsdam, Schlegel Strasse
 Potsdam-Babelsberg
 Potsdam-Eiche
 Potsdam-Stalinallee
 Oranienburg II (Sachsenhausen
 concentration camp)
 Hohenstuecken
 Burg
 Gloewen
 Kirchmoeser
 Premnitz
 Rathenow

The entire strength of Bereich Berlin was estimated at about 25,000
 soldiers.

Installations of KVP in Berlin:

Schneller Strasse (formerly VP Sea)
 Adlershof
 Johannisthal
 Behren Strasse
 Glinka Strasse
 Koepenick (headquarters)
 Littenstrasse (Gericht)
 Ostbahnhof (Railroad traffic office)
 Linienstrasse (Publishing house of the Ministry of the Interior)
 Ledigenheim Biesdorf, Wendenschloss, Hirschgarten, Penn Strasse,
 Koepenick-Gutenberg Strasse
 Biesdorf (Dwelling)

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Schools:

Chief of the administration for training: Major General Makarov (fnu) 7

Oranienburg I (Castle)
 Pirna (gray barracks installation)
 Pirna (Sonnenstein). Transfer to Chemnitz of this school was discussed.
 Naumburg
 Dresden, August Bebel Strasse
 Dresden III
 Weimar-Holzendorf
 Leipzig (Feldscherschule)
 Dessau I, Koethener Strasse
 Dessau II, Hochhaus
 Erfurt, Petersberg III
 Erfurt, Steiger IV and V
 Erfurt II, Loeberfeld Kaserne
 Grossenhain
 Doebeln
 Potsdam, Luftschiffhafen
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Special Installations.

Niederlehme
 Jaegerbrueck
 Kuechensee I
 Kuechensee II (ZPL)
 Kietz
 Biesdorf
 Friedrichsfelde (motor pool)
 Adlershof (motor pool)
 Strausberg
 Treuenbrietzen 9

3. Assignments at the Ministry of the Interior:

Chief of the KVP, Lieutenant General Heinz Hoffmann;

Chief of staff, Lieutenant General Vincenz Mueller;

Deputy, Major General Bernhardt Bechler

VP-Air in Cottbus under the command of Major General Heinz Kessler;

VP-Sea
 VP-in Parow under the command of Vice Admiral Waldemar Verner.

The HVDW is headed by General Inspector Karl Maron who, because of the Zaissner action was made deputy minister at the Central Committee meeting.

Chief of the administration for Construction and Quartering, Major General Mayer Wilhelm, in charge of the construction administration under Colonel Praessler Horst and of the quarters administration under Lieutenant Colonel Johannes Rochlitz.

Chief of the rear services, Major General Walter Allenstein;

Chief of the political administration, Major General Rudolf Doelling;

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Chief of the investigation section (provost), Colonel Berger, (fna),
formerly Oberstaatsanwalt in Berlin-Mitte;

Chief of the administration of training, Major General Makarov

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4. Nonresidential Units in Berlin:

About 4,500 soldiers of nonresidential units in Berlin and vicinity came from Prora until recently and were relieved by units from Eggesin organized as follows:

Division Headquarters and 1,500 men in Johannisthal;

First Regimental Headquarters in Adlershof;

Second Regimental Headquarters and two battalions in the Polizei-praesidium, Berlin;

Third Regimental Headquarters on Heinrich Mann Allee in Berlin-Pankow;

500 soldiers in the Haus fuer Sport und Technik on Garten Strasse, Berlin-Pankow;

450 soldiers in the FDJ Helmut Just Haus on Garten Strasse, Berlin-Pankow;

350 soldiers in three wooden buildings of the children's camp in Berlin-Buch;

the others in various installations.

The blue uniformed VP received in addition about 1,500 VPs quartered in the old penitentiary in Berlin-Rummelsburg and in the home for aged people and on Seelenbinder Strasse in Berlin-Koepenick. They came from the KVP and were reuniformed. 11

5. Transfer of KVP Elements from Kietz:

The planned transfer to Ludwigsfelde of KVPD elements in Kietz was canceled on 7 or 8 August 1953. The elements were transferred to Dessau. 5

6. 1954 Construction Program.

The 1954 construction program provided for the completion of projects under construction and renovation work but not for new construction work. Appropriations in amount of 10,000,000 eastmarks were made. The Altes Kupferwerk in Finow was planned to be renovated to serve as map and file depot for the political administration and to shelter field kitchens and field bakeries from Prossen. Bauunion Nordost was being deactivated and, beginning on 1 January 1954, to be replaced by Bauunion Sued. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] whether Marcour, chief of the Bauunion Nordost would head Bauunion Sued. Bing on the Ruegen Island remained restricted area off limits to all civilians. 12

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- 25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment. Partial information on organizational changes and changes of assignments was supplied by both deserters [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED]. The abolishment of the previous cover numbers of the KVP units, schools and other offices signifies considerable difficulties to any identification. [REDACTED] 25X1
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[REDACTED] numbers will be introduced. It cannot yet be determined whether and in what manner the previous territorial jurisdiction of the Quartier-nutzungs-Abteilungen (quartering sections) was changed. The present information indicates that two Armeegruppen (TVs) each consisting of 2 infantry divisions (Bereitschaften) and 1 mechanized division were established in the northern and southern area. An additional mechanized division (Bereitschaft) had already been established in Bereich Berlin. Additional Bereitschaften possibly 2 infantry Bereitschaften were probably being established there, bringing the number of KVP Bereitschaften (divisions) from 7 to 9.
- 25X1 2. [REDACTED] Comment. TV 12 Nord, Armeegruppe Nord, is still organized into 2 infantry Bereitschaften (divisions) and 1 mechanized Bereitschaft (mechanized division). The posts of the units remained largely unchanged. Elements of the former Division Prora and the former TV 5000 in Schwerin now form the new Bereitschaft Schwerin. A report [REDACTED] 25X1
25X1 [REDACTED] indicated that elements of the former Division Prora transferred to Gera. They may thus be subordinate to the Bereitschaft Erfurt. [REDACTED]
25X1 [REDACTED] Major General Hermann Rentsch was previously reported as commanding officer of the former TV 4000.
- 25X1 3. [REDACTED] Comment. Colonel Wallbaum was previously reported as commanding officer of the former TV 6000. According to deserters, the 3 infantry Kommandos (regiments) of Bereitschaft Halle are probably quartered in Halle in the barracks installation on Reil Strasse, housing the 1st Kommando; the barracks installation on Stalin Allee, housing the 2d Kommando; and the Kluever Kaserne on Paracelsus Strasse housing the 3d Kommando. Tank units of this Bereitschaft are probably located in Zeithain.
- 25X1 4. [REDACTED] Comment. The Dresden II office probably is the previous TV 3000 which is now headquarters of the Bereitschaft Dresden. According to deserters, the 3d Mechanized Kommando is located in Loebau. The two other mechanized Kommandos are believed to be located in Frankenberg and Marienberg-Baerenstein. The tank units of Bereitschaft Dresden probably are in Spremberg and the artillery and AAA units in Zittau. The Bereitschaft Dresden most probably is organized as a mechanized division.
- 25X1 5. [REDACTED] Comment. The three infantry Kommandos of Bereitschaft Erfurt are probably located in Muehlhausen, Gotha and Gera. It cannot be determined whether the unit which, according to deserters [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] moved from Kliestz to Gotha in late August, was subordinated to the Bereitschaft. The information contained in paragraph 4 of the present report conflicts with the assumption that the unit transferred from Kliestz to Gotha. Since KVP were observed to arrive in Dessau, there is also the possibility that the unit moved to Dessau. [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] An infantry Kommando of Bereitschaft Erfurt was detached by the former Division Prora and moved to Gera. [REDACTED] Artillery units and AAA units are located in Erfurt and Gotha. The post of the tank units of the Bereitschaft is still undetermined.

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- 25X1 6. Comment. Available information indicated only one Bereitschaft in the area of Berlin, namely the Mechanized Bereitschaft Berlin consisting of the 1st Mechanized Kommando in Oranienburg, the 2d Mechanized Kommando in Potsdam and the 3d Mechanized Kommando in Hohenstuecken. The headquarters of the Bereitschaft was allegedly quartered in Berlin-Johannisthal. It cannot be determined whether Colonel Goehringer, formerly chief of the administration of the recruiting at the KVP Section at the Ministry of the Interior was made commanding officer of this Bereitschaft or of the entire Bereich Berlin. The posts in Burg, Gloewen, Kirchmoeser, Premnitz and Rathenow previously belonged to the now dissolved TV 5000 in Schwerin. These posts quartered 1 tank regiment stationed in Burg, 1 artillery regiment stationed in Gloewen, 1 AAA regiment stationed in Kirchmoeser and elements of the former Bereitschaft 2942 Kietz, stationed in Premnitz and Rathenow. The entire strength of Bereich Berlin which was reported as 25,000 VPs tends to indicate that additional Bereitschaften were scheduled to be activated. An additional TV (Armesgruppe) composed as the TV 12 in Pasewalk and the TV 24 in Leipzig may possibly be established in Bereich Berlin. It is not known whether the elements of the Mechanized Bereitschaft Eggesin and the former Bereitschaft Prora now employed in East Berlin are included in the elements in the strength of 25,000 soldiers.
- 25X1 7. Comment. Major General Makarov is known as Soviet liaison officer between SCC and KVP. He is in charge of the activation and training of the national forces in East Germany. Major General Helmut Borufka is chief of the administration of training and inspection of the KVP. Major General Fritz Johné is chief of the administration of military schools.
- 25X1 8. Comment. These posts quarter the KVP officer schools which are known from previous reports. No information is available on the Dessau post with the offices and/or Installations I and II. Elements of the former Bereitschaft Kietz may be located there. Compare paragraph 4 of this report
- 25X1 9. Comment. Available information indicated that the posts were occupied as follows:
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| Niederlehme | Signal battalion of the KVP Section of the Ministry of the Interior |
| Jaegerbrueck | Firing range of TV 12 |
| Kuechensee I | First Engineer Battalion of the KVP Section of the Ministry of the Interior |
| Kuechensee II | Central engineer equipment depot |
| Kietz | Possibly the First Engineer Battalion of the KVP Section of the Ministry of the Interior, formerly stationed in Kuechensee |
| Biesdorf | Guard regiment of the KVP Section of the Ministry of the Interior |
| Friedrichsfelde (Magerviehshof) | Truck battalion of the KVP Section of the Ministry of the Interior |
| Adlershof | Passenger car battalion of the KVP Section of the Ministry of the Interior |

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Strausberg

New barracks installation

Treuenbrietzen
(Selterhof)First Engineer Battalion of the KVP
Section of the Ministry of the Interior
which allegedly transferred to Kuechensee
in late August.

25X1 10. [REDACTED] Comment. Lieutenant General Karl Heinz Hoffmann was made chief of all forces in East Germany in early September 1953. He was thus given the position of a commander in chief of the armed forces. Further information is needed to clarify whether Hoffmann is still subordinate to Minister of the Interior Willi Stoph or whether the entire KVP was separated from the Ministry of the Interior when Hoffmann was appointed. Discrediting other information, Vincenz Mueller was again confirmed as chief of staff. The present report also confirmed the other leading officers of the KVP, VP-Air and VP-Sea in their previous assignments. For Major General Makarov, see [REDACTED] Comment 7.

25X1 11. [REDACTED] Comment. Reliable transportation reports indicated that units of the former Division Prora went to Berlin on 10 trains from 9 to 12 September 1953 and were unloaded at the Magerviehshof installation. [REDACTED]
25X1 [REDACTED] This indicates that deviating from the present
25X1 report, units of the Mechanized Bereitschaft Eggesin are not the only ones employed in Berlin. The units of the Mechanized Bereitschaft Eggesin are apparently quartered in Adlershof where the First Mechanized Kommando is located, at the police headquarters which houses the Second Mechanized Kommando and in Berlin-Pankow which quarters the Third Mechanized Kommando. It is unclear whether the division headquarters reported stationed in Berlin-Johannisthal is the headquarters of Mechanized Bereitschaft Eggesin or the headquarters of the Mechanized Bereitschaft Berlin. It is definitely believed, however, that the medium SP gun regiment is located in Berlin-Johannisthal. The additional 1,500 VPs attached to the East Berlin police force probably are KVPs discharges. It was previously reported that dismissed KVP soldiers were enrolled by the police.

25X1 12. [REDACTED] Comment. Information [REDACTED] indicated that upon deactivation of Baunion Nordost, Baunion Kueste would continue the construction of military installations in the northern area and Baunion Sued in the southern area. 25X1

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